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## F. FISHERMAN A TOTAL LOSS

The Burin banker H. T. Rose, Capt. [unclear], went ashore last Thursday on Whaleback Rock, while leaving [unclear] where she had been seeking. At daylight it was seen her [unclear] was hopeless and her 18 men [unclear] to the shore in dories and another vessel in the vicinity was called and work of stripping the Rose was begun. She had only 75 qtls. of fish [unclear] at the time, is now on her [unclear] ends and her bottom shows a [unclear] hole. Squid are plentiful at [unclear] and several bankers are expected the next few days.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish.—Market quiet, but not [unclear] lower at this writing. There [unclear] offers, however, from Nova Scotia [unclear] on basis of \$31.82 1-2 [unclear] 1 per cask, duty paid, which [unclear] determine a decline in values. [unclear] have to report sales of small and [unclear] at an average price of \$32.50 [unclear] of large at \$33, ex above steam-

Pollock and Haddock.—Quantities [unclear] hand or in transit are only mod- [unclear] and the demand fair. We quote [unclear] for haddock and \$19 for pol- [unclear] as usual basis net ex wharf.— [unclear] by S. Ramirez & Co.

### Provincetown Shares.

Provincetown trawlers shared as [unclear] per man on recent trips: [unclear] Mary C. Santos, \$30; Matchless, [unclear] Philip P. Manta, \$35; Progress, [unclear] Louisa R. Silva, \$33; Eleanor Del- [unclear] a, \$35; Natalie Nelson, \$18; Del- [unclear] Cabral, \$17.50; Annie Perry, \$11; [unclear] Dorothea, \$22; Manhasset, \$25; [unclear] trator, \$32; Nettie Franklin, \$5; [unclear] Cabral, \$26. On last week's trip [unclear] Matchless men shared \$40, the El- [unclear] DeCosta, \$12, the Natalie Nel- [unclear] 25, the Annie Perry, \$10, the Rose [unclear] thea, \$32 per man.

### Reports Gale on Grand Banks.

The Belleoram banking schooner [unclear] S. Nickerson, which came to [unclear] wharf from Grand Banks for re- [unclear] last week, experienced a heavy [unclear] and as a result lost her anchor [unclear] cables, sustaining damage to her [unclear] and about decks as well. She [unclear] 100 quintals of codfish on board.

### Fresh Fish.

Line prices:  
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, [unclear]  
snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, [unclear]  
snappers, 75c.  
Codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 [unclear]  
less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; [unclear]  
large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; [unclear]  
round pollock, 80c.; round 70c.

Herring, \$3 per bbl., for bait; [unclear]  
salt; \$1.60 to freezer.  
Mackerel, 29c each for large, [unclear]  
medium 8c per lb. for tinkers.  
Bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl., for [unclear]  
to freezer; 75c to salt  
halibut, 10c per lb. for white [unclear]

## POLLY LOSES SAILS IN BLOW

The sch. Polly, now weathering her 108th year afloat, arrived at Vineyard Haven from Newport on her way to Boston, Tuesday, reporting her first accident in several years. The ancient craft's foresail and mainsail were gone as a result of a blow off shore last night, and her century-old hull was barely able to make headway under a jury rigging. The Polly will be towed to Boston by the tug Confidence, and there, will be again repaired.

### Foreign Salt Mackerel.

Norways are firm at quotations, with a fair demand. Irish mackerel is steady; it is not as much called for as Norway says the Fishing Gazette.

Liverpool, Aug. 16.—Shipments this week were as follows: To New York, 486 bbls. Total shipments to date, 1912 Irish autumn, 32,473 bbls.; 1913, spring, 2555 bbls.

Liverpool, August 23.—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week were as follows: To Boston, 455 bbls.; to all other ports, 450 bbls. Count of shipments, 350 to 450 to a packed barrel.

The sea-packed mackerel landed in Norway from the North Sea and salted for export to America during the week ending August 9, amounted to 270 bbls.; total to date, 433 bbls. For the same week last year the quantity was 380 bbls. and the total 5347 bbls.

## LATE FISHING NEWS OF N. F.

During the past week there has been virtually no cod taken at Portugal Cove and many of the fishermen have abandoned the voyage and gone to Bell Island, where they will be employed until the end of the year.

At Petty Harbor some good catches have been made by hook and line the past week and the season on the whole has been a good one.

At many places on the Southern Shore the voyage has been the best for some years. At Renewes and Fermeuse, the fishermen did very well and a message from Tor's Cove yesterday stated that the 22 traps and 60 boats fishing there and at La Manche had 2100 qtls. which is a fair catch though not as good as that of 1912.

A gratifying fact this season is that the high price will make up for any shortage and the people will be able to find work for the balance of the season on the branch railways.

Squid is reported fairly plentiful at Portugal Cove and along the shore, and also at Holyrood.—St. John's, N. F., Herald, August 29.

### Good Catch.

Stocking 27,000 nice large mackerel that averaged eight cents, the auxiliary sch. Helen G. McLean scooted into Halifax harbor, Saturday noon bearing the news of a profitable fishery in the North Bay, where she had been netting for three months.

### Lunenburg Is Doing Well.

The Elsie L. Corkum, Capt. H. Corkum, of LaHave, put into port yesterday morning for a supply of salt, which is now being taken at Job Bros. and company's premises. On her spring trip she landed 80 quintals and now hails for 15000. She reports the weather rough recently on the banks, and an absence of squid, so that little work could be done. Today she will leave for Bay Bulls, to obtain bait, and from there resumes the voyage. Only 300 quintals are needed to complete the trip.—St. John's, N. F., News.

### Fish Scarce.

The Portia brings word that fish is very scarce at the westward. In St. Mary's and Placentia Bays very little is doing. Around St. Lawrence and Lamaline there is a better showing, but west of that no bait is to be had and consequently very little fish has been caught during the last 10 days.—St. John's, N. F., Herald, Aug. 30.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Drift codfish, large \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$3.87 1/2.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Flitched halibut, 8 3-4 cents per lb.

Cusk, large \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl., for large; \$21.50 for medium; \$2.50 for medium rimmed; \$9.25 for tinkers.

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### Portland Fishing News.

Artificial ice is now being made by the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co., and the first to be supplied fishing vessels was taken out Wednesday. Two Gloucester fishing schooners each took on a supply, the Aspinet taking 25 tons and the Maude F. Silva 20 tons, while the local fishing schooner Albert W. Black took on six tons.

Capt. Isaac Merchant of the Gloucester fishing vessel Joker II came in to port Wednesday with a catch of 2000 pounds of fish and six swordfish. The swordfish weighed a total of 2600 pounds; the largest of the lot weighed 535 pounds when dressed. The catch was taken off the Banks and is considered one of the best runs of the season as compared with many that have been brought here and elsewhere. From these fishing grounds.

The schooner Eliza M. Benner brought in 30 swordfish Wednesday, which were sold to J. W. Trefethen, the Commercial wharf dealer.

### The Fogo Catch.

Mr. A. Stone, Fogo, writes that the catch of fish in that district is estimated at 5500, which brings this year's total of all the districts up to 373,000, which is 2500 short of the catch at this time last year. Traps are still doing well at Tilting. Caplin have been plentiful all summer and there is still a sign of them.—St. John's N. F. Herald.

## WITH FISH FOR THE SPLITTERS

One Vessel Here Today Is  
Only Arrival Outside of  
Cured Fish Coaster.

One lone arrival was all that was at this port this morning in the way of fish arrivals, sch. Adeline bringing down 50,000 pounds of mixed fish from Boston which went to the splitters.

Yesterday, sch. Mary E. Smith arrived from the Maine coast with a cargo of cured fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Smith, Maine ports, cured fish.

### Vessel's Sailed.

Str. Nashawena, seining.  
Str. Joanna, seining.  
Sch. Terranova, seining.  
Sch. Lillian, seining.  
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Russell, haddocking.  
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, halibuting.  
Sch. Bay State, halibuting.  
Sch. John R. Bradley, Newfoundland.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

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Splitting prices:

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Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.10; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round 70c.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.

Fresh mackerel, 29c each for large, 18c for medium 8c per lb. for tinkers.

Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl., for bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt

Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white and gray.



## LEAN YEAR FOR OYSTERS.

Failure of "Set" on Connecticut Grounds Indicates a Shortage.

The discouraging reports reaching oyster growers of the failure of a "set" on Connecticut grounds is bringing strongly to the front the fact that this will be the fifth lean year in the industry. Those growers who have not a reserve stock on their oyster beds will be hard pushed to supply their trade. Some growers have been holding back in supplying the market for poor "sets." As it takes four or five years to mature an oyster, the present famine in Connecticut-grown bivalves is likely to extend through a period of many years.

Growers say that weather and water conditions have been unusually good this summer, yet the "set" is very poor. This is not understood. There are three weeks left in which the young oysters may show themselves, but there is no special reason for a late "set." In Rhode Island waters the "set" is generally declared to be "unsatisfactory."

A shortage of oysters is expected to bring into the market another shellfish which has heretofore been neglected, chiefly because its habits and nature were not understood. Senator Franklin L. Homan of New Haven has been dredging deep water mussels in Long Island Sound. Recently Mr. Homan enlisted the aid of Professor Irving A. Field of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, Woods Hole, Mass., in the study of the new mollusk as an article of food. It is officially declared that sea mussels are the coming popular food. Professor Field says that no agricultural crop can compare with the yield of a mussel bed. He describes the value of the mollusk to European countries and points out the neglect of New Englanders of this very apt food resource, adding that the clam, although highly prized, is a poor substitute for the mussel.

## VERY VALUABLE CARGO OF FISH

With the largest and most valuable cargo of fish ever shipped from Halifax the barkentine Earlshall will get away from port on Monday, bound to Pernambuco, Brazil. This cargo consists of 9900 drums of fish at present, but will be very close to 10,000 packages when she sails Monday. The value of this shipment is \$70,000, and in quintals would be nearly 11,500. Job Brothers are the shippers. This is one of the largest fish concerns in existence and covers almost exclusively the Northern Brazil fish trade. This particular shipment has been made up largely of purchases along the Gaspe coast, where the firm has branches.

In this Northern Brazil trade the Norwegian shippers are about the only competitors. They are a factor largely because their product is of a superior quality. It is dried very hard and in appearance would be discarded by the Canadian. The Brazilian trade is one of very peculiar conditions. It more largely depends upon the economic state of that country than perhaps such conditions would effect it elsewhere. The reason for this is that salt codfish is almost as much a luxury as it is a necessity. Therefore, the purchase of a luxury usually fluctuates with the state of the pocket book. If the crops, sugar, coffee, and other natural products of Brazil are good, then the market for cod in that country will hold as a necessity, it is always in demand. There is very little fresh fish obtainable and that natural craving for salt, in hot climates, which is the counter craving for sugar by the inhabitants of the north, finds satisfaction in the salt dried codfish.

## RECENT SALES SALT MACKEREL

Salt mackerel still continues to bring good figures, the price paid depending on the quality of the fish which varies among the different trips being landed.

Sch. Corona sold her fare consisting of 14 barrels of mediums and 47 barrels of tinkers to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company at \$21.50 per barrel for medium and \$9.75 for tinkers.

The fare of sch. Romance, consisting of 43 barrels of large mediums, 13 barrels mediums, 64 barrels tinkers and three barrels bloaters sold to Fred Bradley for \$1700, lump sum. Both trips were unrimmed fish.

The fare of sch. Rob Roy, consisting of 11 barrels large, 33 barrels mediums and 44 barrels tinkers, rimmed, sold at \$26 a barrel for large, \$23.75 for medium and \$10 for tinkers, sold to the Frank E. Davis Fish Co.

Sch. Esperanto sold her fare, consisting of 12 barrels of mediums and 73 barrels of tinkers at \$21.50 and \$9.75 a barrel to William H. Jordan & Company.

The fares of sch. Lottie G. Merchant, consisting of 20 barrels of mediums and 72 barrels of tinkers and Marguerite Haskins, 10 barrels of mediums and 22 barrels tinkers were also purchased by the same firm at the same prices.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, stocked \$1704 on her recent mackerel seining trip, the crew sharing \$34.60 clear.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, stocked \$1983 on her recent seining trip, the crew's part being \$36.78 clear.

## CAUGHT FATHER OF ALL SWORDS

Sch. Motor at Boston this morning landed a monster swordfish which tipped the scales at 647 pounds.

## Gloomy Outlook.

The latest news from the Labrador only confirms the previous reports of a very poor fishery, says the Harbor Grace Standard. We are told that one of the men on the steamer Kyle estimates it to be at only 40,000 compared with the poor catch of 81,000 for 1910. Whilst we hope it will turn out over that sum, it cannot be anything but a poor one on the whole.

The price fixed for Labrador fish shipped on the coast is, we hear, \$4.50. Last year's price was \$3.50, a figure, it will be remembered that created great dissatisfaction amongst the fishermen, and we fear led to abandonment of the fishery by not a few, one calculated also to injuriously affect the interests of the supplier as well as of the fisherman and planter. We trust that this year's arrangement of price will be such as to restore confidence and prove satisfactory to both sides. It is exceedingly desirable that as little friction as possible characterize the relations between them. The hearty harmonious co-operation of both are necessary to the best results for both.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail:  
Str. Billow, 39,000 haddock lemon sole.  
Str. Crest, 45,000 haddock.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 23,000 dock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 pollock, 3 swordfish.  
Sch. Juno, 20,000 haddock, 50,000 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Str. Breaker, 35,000 haddock hake.  
Sch. Josephine DeCoste, 19,000 dock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Motor, 72 swordfish.  
Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.; cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$1.80 to \$2; fish, 13 cents per lb.

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## The Norway Catch of 1912

Speaking of Norway's great commercial activities, United States Consul B. M. Rasmussen in the Consular and Trade Reports was most interestingly as follows:

Though the great cod fisheries outside the district, their products constitute a considerable part of commerce of Bergen. The catch 1912 probably exceeded that of year since 1860, and the amount handled by local exporting houses equal that of record years. Millions of pounds of dry codfish are annually exported from Bergen to Italy, Spain, Portugal, West Indies, and later increasing quantities to the United States.

The herring catch fell somewhat below the average, but prices were firm throughout the year and net fair profits to dealers.

The fish-canning industry has had a steady growth in this district since the consolidation of various small factories in 1909. Since that time several and modern establishments have been started throughout the district, where it is estimated that more than 2000 people, mostly females, find employment in the factories, fully as many males are employed in the shops and in providing the materials. The canning business, however, did not enjoy the prosperity many of the other industries did, because the price of both olive oil and tinplate had advanced and the supply of sardines was limited.

## Brings 2400 Sealskins.

San Francisco August 24.—With sealskins the steamer Homer returned today from the Pribilof Islands. Sealskins were gathered from the United States government stations on George and St. Paul Islands, and worth about \$1,000,000. Last year Homer brought down 5000 sealskins. Seals are killed only to furnish for the Eskimos of the islands.

## Fish in Morocco Waters.

Fish of all kinds abound in Moroccan waters. The principal species caught along the north coast are sardines and tunny fish. It is expected that the repeated failure of British fishing off the coast of British will have a tendency to favor the development of this industry in Morocco.

## STEAM TRAWLERS FEATURE MARKET

Three of Them in at T Wharf Today—Motor Has Fine Swordfish Fare.

Three of the steam trawlers are at T wharf, Boston today, the Billow and Breaker, two of the recent additions to the other trawlers being in.

Among the other fares from off shore this morning in addition are schs. Alice M. Guthrie, 37,000 pounds; Juno, 80,000 pounds. One swordfisherman, sch. Motor, landed 73 fish which sold at 13 cents a pound.

Wholesalers quoted \$2.25 to \$3 a hundred weight on haddock, \$4 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$3 for market cod, \$2 to \$4 for hake, pollock, \$1.80.

## Newfoundland Cod Catch.

The following is the codfishery reports in the various Newfoundland districts up to August 16:

District.	1913.	1912.
	qtls.	qtls.
Ferryland .....	16,840	12,500
Pla. and St. Mary's ..	47,690	32,000
Burin .....	83,770	66,500
Fortune Bay .....	41,980	37,200
Burgeo and LaPoile ..	22,470	20,200
St. George's .....	2,630	5,000
St. Barbe .....	17,130	17,500
Twillingate .....	14,840	40,000
Pogo .....	No report	54,000
Bonavista .....	18,059	33,500
Trinity .....	15,750	22,000
Bay de Verde .....	11,470	22,300
Carbonear .....	1,310	1,400
Hr. Grace .....	4,830	7,000
Port de Grave .....	560	900
Hr. Main .....	1,490	2,750
Striats .....	16,700	24,000
	318,000	398,750

## Fish Sales Increase.

A financial letter in a Canadian paper gives the sales of the North Atlantic Fisheries company for the three months ended July 31, 1913, as \$106,026.08. This is an increase of more than 30 per cent. over the figures for the corresponding period last year, and indicates to some extent the growing market in Canada for the company's product.